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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a rural community and I try to support local businesses as much as possible. I have had bad experiences from larger phone and internet providers and value my local providers' ability to meet my needs at affordable prices.

My family relies on affordable internet for work and school; having to switch to the few large 'monopoly' providers will have immeasurable consequences for myself, my family, and my community.

This is a step backwards and rewards ONLY the large companies who already have their fair share. Please support small businesses by letting them continue to create a competitive marketplace and high-quality service for affordable prices.

Thank you.

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